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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
8:30a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**HB 1296**  
**RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments regarding HB 1296. DBEDT supports the intent of this legislation, however, the scope of work and goals are obtainable within the existing framework of DBEDT, and therefore does not require legislation. DBEDT defers to the Legislature with regard to this bill creating a Hydrogen Authority, and will continue to build on existing efforts to develop hydrogen fuel as a reasonable alternative to imported oil in Hawaii.

DBEDT is currently engaged in a transportation energy planning analysis, or “charrette” analysis to provide the underlying assessments, analysis, and recommendations for an updated Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative transportation plan to significantly reduce the consumption of petroleum products in Hawaii’s transportation sector. The analysis will include an exploration into the degree to which hydrogen fuel cell and plug-in electric vehicles can contribute to reductions in petroleum-based fuels in the transportation sector. Moving forward with these advanced transportation technologies will greatly contribute to meeting this level of reduction.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments regarding HB 1296.

## EEPttestimony

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### **HB1296**

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### Comments:

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